

ESTIMATES—BRANCHES OF THE MINT.

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WASHINGTON, December 28, 1836.

SIR: I send you, herewith, my estimates for the expenses of the branch mints for 1837, prepared with great care, on consultation with my fellow-officers. It is proper to present you with the following explanations:

1. *New Orleans branch.*—The salaries for the whole year are given, though they cannot *all* be drawn. The wages of laborers are assessed at \$90 per month per twenty workmen, from June 1st to December 31st. The other contingent expenses are based upon the supposition that two millions will be coined in the seven months of labor.

The appropriation for the building and machinery of the New Orleans branch was - - - - - \$200,000

The contract price for machinery is - - - - - \$43,630

The contract price for putting up the building, exclusive of one wing, out-buildings, and the enclosing of the lot, is - - - - - 182,000

I have no accurate means of estimating the cost of putting up the remaining wing, &c., but presume it may be put down at one-third of what is now under contract, viz: 60,677

The railing round the lot, which is large, will not cost less than - - - - - 10,000

296,297

Leaving still wanted - - - - - \$96,297

On this ground I have inserted the sum of \$96,500, under the head "for completing the mint edifices and enclosing the lot."

2. *The gold mints.*—The contracts for the Charlotte branch were lower than those for the Dahlonega branch, and hence the difference in the amounts of the estimates now presented. I have estimated for five laborers (the legal limit) at each branch, for six months' work, and at \$50 per month each. The supposed coinage at each mint is half a million, on which the estimate of wastage, &c. is based.

Very respectfully, your faithful servant,

R. M. PATTERSON,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. C. C. CAMBRELENG,

Ch'n Com. Ways and Means, H. R.

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*AN ESTIMATE of the expenses of the branch mint at New Orleans,  
for the year 1837.*

For salaries of officers and clerks.	Dollars.	Dollars.
The superintendent - - - - -	2,500	
The treasurer - - - - -	2,000	
The coiner - - - - -	2,000	
The assayer - - - - -	2,000	
The melter and refiner - - - - -	2,000	
Two clerks, \$1,200 each - - - - -	2,400	
		12,900
Compensation to laborers in the various departments - - - - -	-	13,000
For completing the mint edifice, and enclosing the lot - - - - -	96,500	
For furnishing the whole establishment, inclusive of all apparatus, tools, and fixtures, not included in the contracts - - - - -	15,500	
		112,000
<i>For incidental and contingent expenses.</i>		
Wastage of gold and silver - - - - -	8,000	
For iron, steel, lead, castings, chemical agents, copper for alloy, zinc, oil, tallow, crucibles, melting pots, and repairs - - - - -	5,000	
For wood and coal for steam engine and furnaces - - - - -	5,000	
Stationary and fuel for the different offices, water, rent, and taxes - - - - -	600	
		18,600
		156,500

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Philadelphia, December 22, 1836.



*AN ESTIMATE of the expenses of the branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, for the year 1837.*

For salaries of officers and clerks.	Dollars.	Dollars.
The superintendent - - - - -	2,000	
The assayer - - - - -	1,500	
The coiner - - - - -	1,500	
One clerk - - - - -	1,000	
Compensation to laborers in the various departments	—	6,000
For furnishing the establishment with all the apparatus, tools, and fixtures, not included in the contracts	—	1,500
		7,000
<i>Incidental and contingent expenses.</i>		
For wastage of gold - - - - -	2,000	
For iron, steel, lead, castings, chemical agents, copper for alloy, zinc, oil, tallow, crucibles, melting pots, and repairs - - - - -	1,500	
For wood and coal for steam engine and furnaces - - - - -	1,500	
Stationary, fuel for offices, and taxes - - - - -	500	
		5,500
For expenses incurred in 1836, more than the amount appropriated in the act of 1835, for edifice and machinery - - - - -	—	2,000
		22,000

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES, *December 22, 1836.*

*AN ESTIMATE of the expenses of the branch mint at Charlotte,  
North Carolina, for the year 1837.*

For salaries of officers and clerks.	Dollars.	Dollars.
The superintendent - - - - -	2,000	
The assayer - - - - -	1,500	
The coiner - - - - -	1,500	
One clerk - - - - -	1,000	
		6,000
Compensation for laborers in the various departments	-	1,500
For furnishing the establishment with all the apparatus, tools, and fixtures, not included in the contracts	-	6,000
<i>Incidental and contingent expenses.</i>		
For wastage of gold - - - - -	2,000	
For iron, steel, lead, castings, chemical agents, copper for alloy, zinc, oil, tallow, crucibles, melting pots, and repairs - - - - -	1,500	
For wood and coal for steam engine and furnaces - - - - -	1,500	
Stationary, fuel for offices, and taxes - - - - -	500	
		5,500
		19,000

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